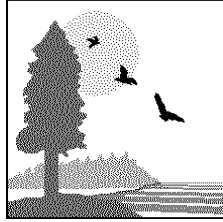


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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY /PUBLIC HEARINGS OF A**  
**DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT / ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

Pursuant to Section 15085 (d), Title 14, California Code of Regulations, this is to advise that the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have completed a Draft Environmental Impact Report / Environmental Assessment (DEIR/EA) for the proposed project described below:

**Project Title:** El Paso Line 1903 Pipeline Conversion Project

**Project Location:** From Ehrenberg, Arizona, 304 miles through Riverside, San Bernardino, and Kern Counties, ending at Emidio Station south of Bakersfield, California.

**Project Description:** The El Paso Natural Gas Company (EPNG) proposes to convert Line 1903, a crude oil pipeline, to natural gas service in a small portion of La Paz County, Arizona, and Kern, Riverside, and San Bernardino Counties, California. This project would involve testing an existing 30-inch diameter pipeline, installing new valves, inspection and rewrapping of worn or pitted pipe wrap, and replacing five miles of the existing 304-mile pipeline. A 6.4-mile expansion of the pipeline system at the Cadiz Pump Station is also proposed in San Bernardino County.

The California State Lands Commission (CSLC) is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Bureau of Land Management is the Federal Lead Agency under the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) in the preparation of this DEIR/EA.

The 45-day public review period for this DEIR/EA begins November 23, 2004, and ends on January 6, 2004. Due to the time limits mandated by State law, written comments must be **received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 6, 2004**. Please send your comments at the earliest possible date to either of the following:

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If sending comments by fax or by e-mail, please also mail a copy to ensure that the CSLC receives a clean copy.

This document, identified as CSLC EIR Number 719, BLM Serial Number CACA-42649 and State Clearinghouse Number 2002101069, may be viewed electronically, in Word or Pdf format, on the CSLC internet website at <http://www.slc.ca.gov>. Copies of the DEIR/EA are also available for review at the following locations:

CSLC, Attn: Sarah Mongano 100 Howe Ave., Suite 100-South Sacramento, CA 95825 (916) 574-1889	Palo Verde Valley Library 125 W. Chansler Way Blythe, CA (760) 922-5371	Mojave Public Library 16916 ½ State Hwy 14 #D2 Mojave, CA (661) 824-2243
Tehachapi Public Library 450 West F St. Tehachapi, CA (661) 822-4938	Kern County Library 701 Truxton Ave. Bakersfield, CA (661) 868-0700	Lancaster Public Library 601 West Lancaster Blvd. Lancaster, CA 93534 661-9405029
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### **Public Hearing:**

Pursuant to Section 15087, Title 14, California Code of Regulations (CEQA Guidelines), the CSLC and BLM have scheduled three public meetings for receiving oral and written comments on the DEIR/EA at:

<b>DATE:</b>	<b>December 14, 2004</b>	<b>December 15, 2004</b>	<b>December 16, 2004</b>
<b>TIME:</b>	4:00 pm and 6:00 pm	6:00 pm	6:00 pm
<b>LOCATION:</b>	DoubleTree Hotel 3100 Camino del Rio Ct. Bakersfield, CA	Holiday Inn Express 2700 Lenwood Rd. Barstow, CA	Comfort Suites 545 Hobson Way Blythe, CA

Anyone interested in this matter is invited to comment on the document by written response or by personal appearance at the public meetings. A sign language interpreter will be provided upon advance notification of need by a deaf or hearing-impaired person. Such notice should be made as soon as possible prior to the date of the meetings.

### **Potential Significant Impacts on the Environment:**

The DEIR/EA discusses the potential for significant impacts on the environment in the following subject areas: Biological Resources, Agricultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, Hazards and Public Safety, Air Quality, Traffic and Transportation, Noise, Cultural Resources, Aesthetic and Visual Resources, Land Use and Planning, Socioeconomics, Recreation, and Environmental Justice.

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